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Section	6	Health education and physical care for children (N.J.A.C. 10:127-7.6)	

§10:127-7.6 Health education and physical care for children

- (a) The facility shall ensure that children receive training in personal care, hygiene and grooming habits.
 - 1. The facility shall discuss the physiological changes experienced during adolescence with children in the facility.
 - 2. The facility shall instruct children about sexually responsible behavior including how to protect themselves from pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases including AIDS.
 - 3. The facility shall instruct all children about the health and social consequences of smoking tobacco products, smokeless tobacco, alcohol and drug abuse.
 - (b) The facility shall ensure that children are provided with the following:
 - 1. Individual towels and washcloths:
 - 2. Soap and toilet paper; and
 - 3. Hygiene supplies that are age appropriate for their needs, such as toothpaste, mouthwash, deodorant, shampoo, razors, shaving cream and feminine hygiene articles.
- (c) For children unable to provide for their own personal care and hygiene, the facility shall bathe and groom them, and provide other personal hygiene services that are necessary to meet their needs.
- (d) The facility may permit residents to maintain over-the-counter cosmetics, acne preparations and personal hygiene supplies among their personal possessions.
- (e) The facility shall take measures to ensure that each child has an adequate personal supply of clean, well-fitting and attractive clothing and footwear

appropriate to his or her age, gender, individual needs, community standards, and season.

- 1. The facility shall ensure that each child's clothing is kept clean and in good repair. The facility may require children 12 years of age and older to do their own laundry.
- 2. The facility shall not require children to wear any article of clothing that would explicitly identify them as a resident of the facility.